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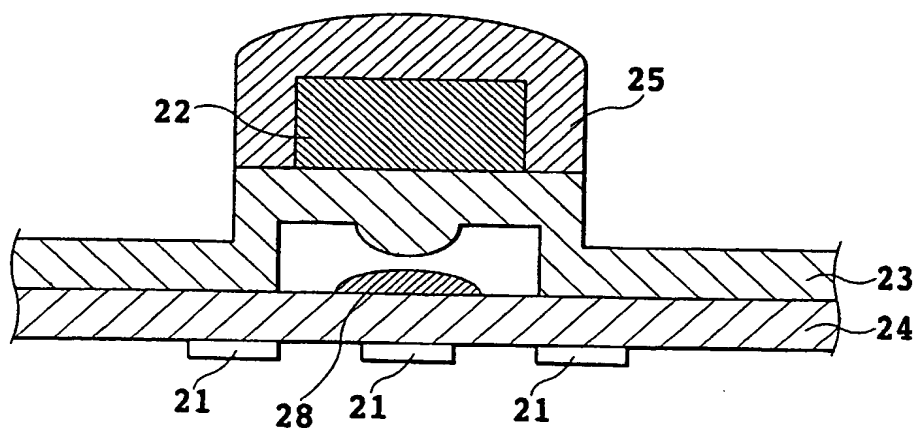
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(57) Abstract: A pointing device being improved in assembling performance, capable of being downsized, being long in product life. Magnetic sensors (21) are disposed on a mounting substrate (24), two each symmetrically along the X axis and Y axis. A switch (28) is disposed on the silicone resin (23) side of the mounting substrate (24) to provide a switching function so that the switching function is satisfied when a magnet cover (25) is pushed in a magnet (22) direction. Although originally designed to output coordinates values of an input point, the pointing device can be provided with a determining function in addition to coordinates values by being given a switching function. Silicone resin (23), when under an external force, easily deforms, and, when the external force is removed, immediately restores to an initial condition not under the external force.

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